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Danes

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official beginning of the 12-mile zone.

It was not until they were boarded by officers from the 40-ton Navy minesweeper HMS Cuxton, just over eight miles seaward of the Eddystone, that they realised they were poaching.

Gustav Loth, 36, of Bente Loh, and Jorn Andersen, 30, of Singo, both admitted breaking the 1976 Sea Fishery Limits Act.

Loth, who had a previous conviction for breaking the 12-mile limit off Redcar in 1971, when he was fined £500, was fined £12,000 with £70 costs.

The presiding magistrate, Miles Clarke, ordered that both skippers' catches should be forfeited and sold.

Mr. Clarke said: "Although this is one of the early cases under the 1976 Act, it must be clearly understood that fishing agreements between EEC countries must be upheld and enforced. We view with concern that these vessels arrived so ill-equipped, and irresponsibility of this kind will not be tolerated."

Hilary Collins, prosecuting for MAFF, had asked the Bench to impose the maximum penalties — £50,000 fine and confiscation of gear and catch.

After "bitter complaints" by local boats, Cuxton found the 120ft Danish boats trawling, he said.

Cuxton was on fishery protection duty off Rame Head when she saw the two trawlers. Radar showed they were within the 12-mile limit.

Bente Loth was boarded, and it was discovered that her skipper had no chart of the Western part of the Channel; his radar was not working, and he had no idea where he was.

Andersen, the skipper of the other vessel, had just a small-scale chart with him which made it impossible for him to see exactly where he was. Both men agreed they were within the limit.

Between them, the trawlers, which were escorted into Plymouth, had on board 350 tons of pilchards and mackerel — worth a minimum of £12,000.

Mr. Robert Lesset, defending, said the trawlers left Denmark on February 8 and began fishing in the North Sea. But they had a poor trip and decided on the spur of the moment to return.

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The vessel brought back 1,385 kits after a 16-day trip westward of the Shetland Isles.

The catch comprised 377 kits of cod, 402 haddock, 274 coley and 239 kits of doge. She was the first middle-water vessel to beat £30,000 at Grimsby.

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BAN SPARKS DESPERATE HERRING HUNT

A DISASTROUS time on the Minch grounds faces the Scottish herring fleet now hit by a North Sea ban. The ban came into effect on February 28, forcing the fleet to leave the Shetland grounds. The only alternative is the Minches, where fishing is reported to be even worse than during the winter of 1975-76. The only ray of hope seems to be the discovery of some big mackerel shoals last week to the west of Orkney by a group pursers.

Three pursers had some good mackerel shots and, a total of 54,809 units was with prices at around £110— sold for £1,105,940, as against 2115 a ton, more vessels were last year's figure of 81,153 units worth £959,118. Last year the bulk of landings were from the summer fishing around the Shetlands.

Most of the Shetland herring fleet stayed at home this week and it was the Scottish north-east boats which made for the Minches. Early this year catches were being made close in off the east of the Shetlands but, during the latter part of February, the fleet was off Foula.

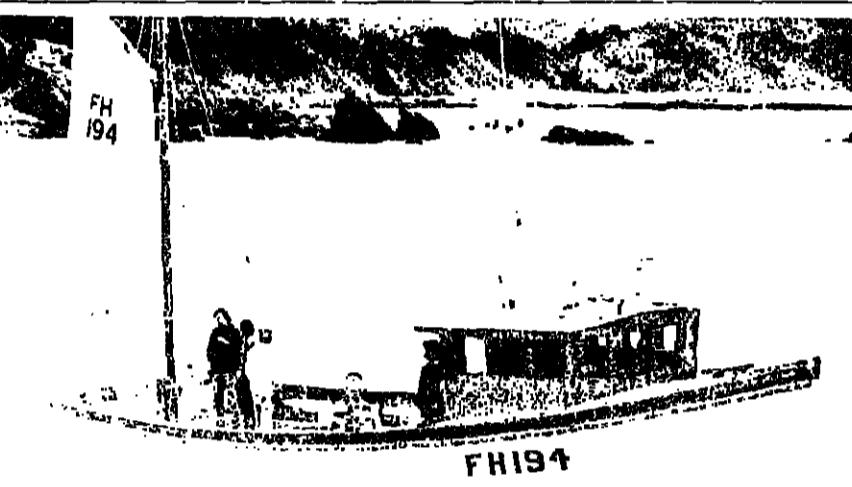
Last week the skipper of a Fraserburgh purse seiner said that there are probably still plenty of herring on the east side. However, the boats had found good shoals to the west of the islands when they were forced round by bad weather.

He added that it is a pity that the ban has been imposed — there is still plenty of herring.

Fishermen had limited themselves to two landings a week, with a quota of 40 units per man for each landing. Because of bad weather most boats have made one landing a week for much of the time. Herring has been of mixed quality but prices have been high, ranging from £14 to £27.80 a unit at Fraserburgh.

There has also been a small outlet for catches at Shetland. In addition, Norwegian klongdykers were buying catches at £18 a unit.

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'DISASTER' TRIPS TO CANADA

THREE Grimsby side trawlers made big losses on 4,500 mile round trips to Canada. The trips were described on Hull as a 'disaster'. Story page 16.

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This is one of a number of recommendations being put to the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee of the House of Commons, in a document aimed at safeguarding the future of fishing at Hull and Grimsby.

Urging reciprocal fishing arrangements with other countries, if only on a limited basis, would, says the report, help Hull in particular.

With tremendous investment in Hull — both in capital and people — this should not be allowed to decline if there are supplies to be got in other areas. Unemployment levels are already above the national average on Humberside, notes the report.

While it was factual and well presented, Coun. Leslie Rowland (Con.) said the language is not strong enough. "We should tell the Government what we want. There are too many 'mights' and 'shoulds' in this report," he added.

The general uncertainty that prevails in the international discussions is a major obstacle to restructuring the fleet, says the report. The Government is urged to clarify the position and make every effort to get quick and satisfactory agreements.

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greatest centre of the fishing world and should, therefore, be the focus of any Government investment in fishing.

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As much of Britain's fish supply as possible should be caught and landed by British vessels. It is recommended that landings by foreign vessels and imported cargoes of fish should only be allowed when it is necessary to maintain production in processing, or if it is part of a reciprocal arrangement with another country.

BFF vice-president Fred Parker said that Britain appeared to be getting left behind as the EEC completed third-party deals without consulting the British.



MAIDEN SETS A RECORD

ABERDEEN'S newest stern trawler *Grampian Warrior* has set a record for a Scottish trawler on her maiden to Faroe.

Grampian Warrior grossed £29,233 for her catch of 1,980 cwt. after a 14-day trip.

She also set a record for the first box of haddock sold from a maiden shot — £105. The buyer, David Burns of Trawl Pack, received the traditional new hat and the money will go to Aberdeen Fishermen's Mission fund. *Grampian Warrior* is owned by George Craig & Sons Ltd.

Pat Lynch, managing director of North Star Fishing Co. which manages the vessel, said: "We are obviously delighted and it shows what the new breed of stern trawler can do."

This was Skipper James Bowie's first stern fishing command.

A large proportion of *Grampian Warrior's* catch was quality coley which attracted "reasonable prices," added Mr. Lynch.

COMMENT

IN THE House of Commons last week, Hugh Brown, under-secretary of State for Scotland, took issue with *Fishing News* over its report on the extent of Russian fishing effort allowed by the agreement negotiated with the EEC.

Both Mr. Brown's views and ours are given elsewhere on this page and need no further explanation here. Whatever interpretation is put on the agreement, the Russians are still getting a huge amount of fish — mainly from British waters.

While the Government welcomes EEC progress with the Russians, we note with alarm how naive the EEC is proving itself when it comes to dealing with third countries on complex fishing matters. Any agreement based on the tonnage of fishing vessels can only be a disaster when there is no detailed knowledge of what these ships can catch. As the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, John Silkin, pointed out recently: "the EEC lacks expertise".

There also seems to be huge gaps in communications between Brussels and those member countries who have to enforce the agreements made there.

Four days after the agreement with the Russians, we contacted three Ministries here which are involved in seeing that the Russians abide by the rules. The Foreign Office, Agriculture and Defence Ministries all said that they had no figures on the ratio of vessels within the stipulated tonnages allowed to fish.

What games the players must be getting up to when even the referee doesn't know the rules!

RUSSIANS-MINISTER HITS AT 'FN' REPORT

A REPORT in *Fishing News* (February 25) which stated that under an agreement with the EEC up to 42 Russian trawlers below 1,000-tons would be able to operate at one time was used to challenge the Government last week. In reply Hugh Brown, under-secretary of State for Scotland, denounced the article as "definitely misleading and not factual."

Sir John Gilmour (Con. East Fife) said he wanted to increase their fishing effort.

"The report says: 'The fine details of the deal reveal that 42 trawlers up to 1,000 grt can be used at one time, with 27 in the 1,000-2,000 grt range and 17 over 3,000 grt.'

"I had thought that 17 was the maximum figure, but it seems that these other figures are also included."

"The report goes on: 'The Russians are thought to have already taken at least 12,000 tons of sprats from the North Sea this year in contrast to the EEC quota of 1,048 tons imposed on them for the first quarter of 1977.' The Russians will clearly exceed their total fish catch limit of 38,000 tons in Community waters by the time the deal runs out on March 31."

"I agree that it is not easy, in the first three months after a new fishing agreement is concluded, to ensure that everything is right. These figures may not be entirely true or accurate, and it may not be possible for the Minister to comment on this today, but I think that such a report sounds disquieting and needs to be looked into."

"We know that the order which applies to Russia expires on March 31 and, therefore, a new order will have to be made so there is an opportunity to take action."

Mr. Brown replied that he did not suppose *Fishing News* bothered to come to the committee but he hoped they would read *Hansard*.

Where Mr. Brown might not rest so easy is that we checked back in our source of information (EEC Council Regulation 194/77) and, with one small correction, we stand by what was reported.

Article 4 and annexes of the EEC regulation set out the number of Soviet ships which may be licensed and which may fish at any one time.

"Its front page is definitely misleading and not factual. The position is that the agreement is on a total of 42 vessels: 24 less than 1,000 tons, one of 1,000 to 2,000 tons, 10 of 2,000 tons to 3,500 tons and seven of about 3,900 tons."

"Within that overall number they are allowed to have only the equivalent of 17 vessels operating at any given time. I am not saying that this formula is perfect, but it is a substantial achievement. We have reached agreement



Scottish under-secretary, Hugh Brown.

fishing Scottish waters for herring.

Douglas Henderson (Soc. Nat., East Aberdeenshire) demanded a full fishing policy, set out in a white paper, complaining that orders were coming through in drabs and drabs.

The ruling should have been implemented on landings from last Sunday midnight, but two inshore skipper-owners notified the board of their intentions to contest the ruling by taking the case to an industrial tribunal.

The hearing is expected to begin next month, probably in London, as both sides are anxious to resolve the matter as quickly as possible.

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last month — in strict accordance with the existing NDLB criteria permitting inshore boats to land their own catches.

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Kevin McNamara (Lab. Hull, Central), demanded more strenuous government efforts on behalf of the conservation of British fisheries said a Conservative spokesman, Patrick Wall (Haltemprice), in a Commons committee which approved three fishery conservation orders.

The limits and quotas

which were proposed by the Commission were not satisfactory and he and other MPs in the party which

said the accession Treaty.

Alick Buchanan-Smith (Con., North Angus and Mearns) demanded action against Icelandic vessels

signed the accession Treaty.

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DOCK LABOUR RULING IS HELD OFF

THE NEW National Docks Labour Board ruling that all fish brought into Grimsby by inshore vessels has to be unloaded by registered lumper labour instead of the crew has been postponed.

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Moreover, as a condition of the deferral, the NDLB has insisted that *Wardley* indent for lumper landings on all her catches until the results of the tribunal are known.

Prior to his purchase of the *WESMAR*, he had outfitted the

SHAWNEE HOME FOR OVERHAUL

THE 74ft. steel-hulled boat *Shawnee*, which mysteriously sank at her Penzance moorings in January with a partly discharged catch of mackerel aboard, arrived in Grimsby on February 28.

Shawnee was unable to make the journey under her own power because of damaged machinery, but after the hull had been made seaworthy at Falmouth she was towed back to the Humber port by the United Towing tug *Tradescant*.

The vessel will now undergo extensive repairs and a complete overhaul, expected

to last several months, before she can resume fishing.

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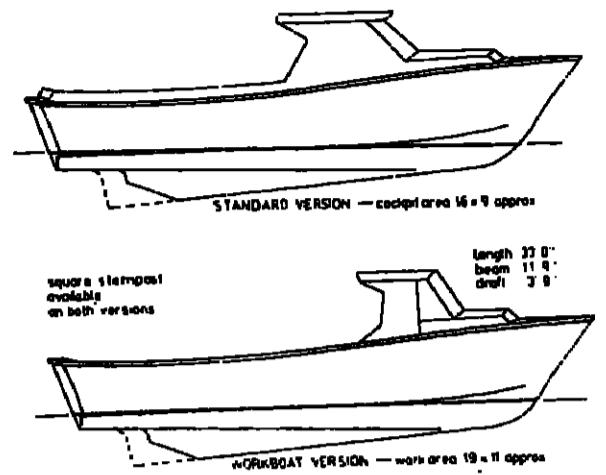
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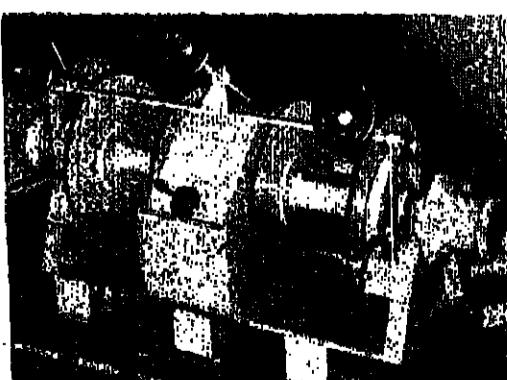
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"The bulge grows bigger, pressure falls further and a depression or 'low' forms. The wind starts to circulate round the bulge and increase in strength."

MARKET SLIDES AGAIN

MILFORD Haven trawlers landed some of their biggest catches of the year so far last week but market prices dropped from the extremely high levels of previous weeks.

Top ship was *Rosevear* (Skipper Alex Simpson). She found good fishing on the Irish Sea grounds before returning to port with 206 kits, which sold for £6,339.

On the same day *Jadestar Gipsy* (Skipper Jim Brodie) landed 186 kits to make £6,160. Between them the vessels landed a total of three of haddocks, 80 of cod, 20 of whiting, 180 of coley, 10 of turbot and brill, five of plaice and five of soles.

There was further fall in markets later in the week which hit *Skipper Trevor Salter* and the crew of *Pictor Sealion*. They landed 154 kits which in previous weeks could have been expected to make at least £5,000, but they had to be content with a grossing of £4,840.

It was a similar story for *Georgia Wilson* (Skipper Tom Smith). She landed 106 kits making £2,708 due mainly to a fall in the roker demand.

Fifty of cod, 35 of whiting, 120 of roker, 20 of turbot and brill, five of plaice and five soles were the vessels' main varieties.

Spring meal factory



Helena Gertsen, which abandoned her scouting trip to the Wash early last week to quickly fill up off Flamborough, unloads a big deck cargo of sprats.

Grimbsy she had to be diverted to Hull late in the week. Most vessels had been at sea for two or three days for their catches and, with the meal plant closed, did not put back to sea until the beginning of this week. However, the weekend gales were reported to be smashing up

the shoals again and most skippers felt the end of the season, one of the best in recent years, would not be too long delayed.

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Despite her age, *Harriet* made an excellent passage, although she was delayed for two days because of fog.

Although sad to see the smack leave Fleetwood where she was built in 1893, her skipper is pleased that she is to be used for such a worthwhile project.

£1,700 FOR LIFEBOATS

PETERHEAD Lifeboat Dance Committee's 45th annual ball raised a record sum of over £1,700 for the local branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

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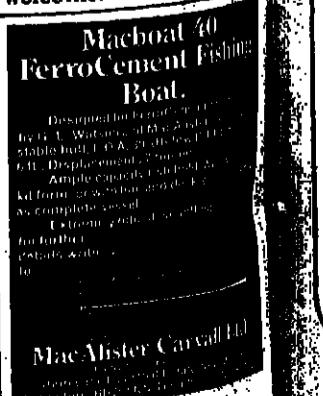
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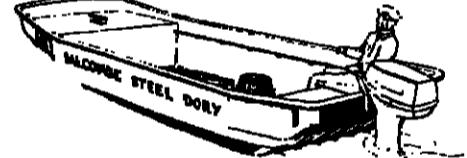
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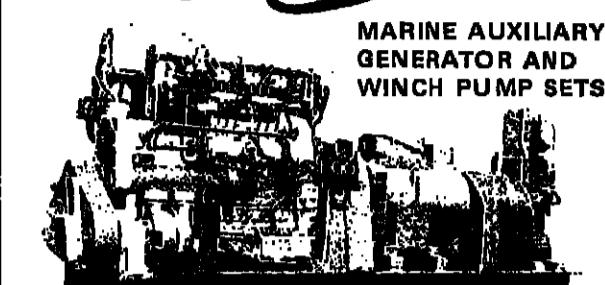
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